

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

Text: Philippians 2:1

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ONENESS IN THE BODY OF Christ

THE DOCTRINE OF ONENESS

1. This was taught by the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) Prayed for by the Lord Jesus John 17:21
- b) Exemplified by Christ's Oneness with the Father John 17:21-22
- c) Glory of Oneness John 17:22
- d) Perfection in Oneness
- e) Love as one of the Central Elements that will enable this special sense of Oneness
John 17:24

2. The Lack of Oneness

- a) In the days of the apostles
- b) Churches threatened by schism
 - i) Corinthian church
 - ii) Galatian church
 - iii) Philippian church

3. A strong appeal to Develop Oneness

A five-fold appeal

- a) Consolation in Christ Philippians 2:1a
- b) Comfort of love Philippians 2:1b
- c) Fellowship of the Spirit Philippians 2:1c
- d) Affection (compassion) Philippians 2:1d
- e) Mercy Philippians 2:1e

Focus: The application of all that we have believed in and experienced in Christ.

4. A personal appeal
Fulfil my joy Philippians 2:2a

5. Features of Oneness highlighted:-

- a) Like-minded Philippians 2:2b
- b) Having the same love Philippians 2:2c
- c) One accord Philippians 2:2d
- d) One mind Philippians 2:2e

6. Things to avoid

- a) Selfish ambition Philippians 2:3a
- b) Conceit Philippians 2:3b

7. Things to encourage

- a) Lowliness of mind (humility) Philippians 2:3c
- b) Esteeming others better than self Philippians 2:3d
- c) Look out for the interest of others Philippians 2:4

BIBLE MEMORY

Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interest of others.